



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

DECREE OF SUPPRESSION

of the parish of St. Mary, Chillicothe, Ohio
St. Peter Parish, Chillicothe, Ohio
St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, Waverly, Ohio
and aggregation and erection of the new parish
of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish, Chillicothe, Ohio

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Whereas, a plan has been carefully developed by the clergy and faithful of the Ross-Pike County Catholic Parishes of St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, Waverly; St. Mary, Chillicothe; and St. Peter Parish, Chillicothe recommending the suppression of all these parishes and the aggregation of the suppressed parishes to form a new parish with a new title; and

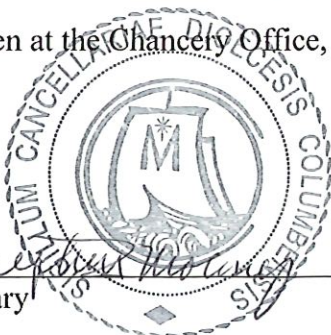
Whereas, the need to consolidate resources and to better utilize the limited numbers of available priests, and taking into consideration the Mass attendance data, community demographics, the financial conditions and the conditions of the physical plant serving all communities; and

Whereas, having heard the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Columbus on March 21, 2024 in accordance with C. 515.2, and receiving unanimous approval of this plans;

Therefore, I, Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, hereby decree the following

1. The parish of St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, Waverly is suppressed effective June 30, 2024;
2. The parish of St. Mary, Chillicothe is suppressed effective June 30, 2024;
3. The parish of St. Peter, Chillicothe is suppressed effective June 30, 2024;
4. Simultaneously with the suppression of these parishes, the parishioners, property, assets and liabilities of these suppressed parishes of St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, Waverly; St. Mary, Chillicothe; and St. Peter Parish, Chillicothe, will be joined by aggregation into a single juridic person, to form a new parish, the boundaries of which are to include all of Ross and Pike Counties, Ohio.
5. This new parish will be given the title "Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles."
6. There is no change in status or title of St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, Waverly; St. Mary, Chillicothe; and St. Peter Parish, Chillicothe Churches foreseen at this time; they continue as dedicated parish churches in the care of which henceforth is the responsibility of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish.
7. This decree shall be promulgated by publication on the Diocesan Website, in the Catholic Times and disseminated in the affected parishes via the parish bulletin and other means of communication as deemed appropriate by Pastor of the affected communities.

Given at the Chancery Office, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio this 21st day of March, 2024.



Notary

+Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus